



CAMBRIDGE SCHOLARS NETWORK

Cambridge, England

Friday, July 8 – Thursday, July 14, 2011

Why the Cambridge Scholars Network?

It is crucial for the worldwide evangelical church to develop its next generation of intellectual leaders. Presently, evangelicals who are sent off for Ph.D. studies and scholarly careers at leading universities are given a “fatherly push” into deep water where they are left alone to sink or swim. Sadly, many struggle to stay afloat as they experience an intense sociological pressure to give up or compromise their basic convictions.

Bruce Winter, Fellow of St. Edmund’s College, Cambridge University, and former Warden of Tyndale House, writes:

A doctoral program can greatly increase the knowledge of the next generation of scholars, but it is possible for this process to be accompanied by a spiritual regression akin to a frog turning into a tadpole, with all head and no heart for the Lord and His kingdom.

In order to prevent this metamorphosis, it is necessary to provide young, evangelical scholars with mentorship, encouragement, and the fellowship of like-minded peers. The Cambridge Scholars Network attempts to do just this.

What is the Cambridge Scholars Network?

The Cambridge Scholars Network (CSN) is a weeklong program held each July in Cambridge, England. It is designed to help evangelical Ph.D. students think about their disciplines from a biblical standpoint.



The CSN seeks to help young scholars:

- 1. Establish a spiritual context for academic study.** Many scholars experience the academic world as a dry spiritual desert. The CSN will seek to describe the dangers of such an environment and to help construct the spiritual foundations that are necessary both to survive and thrive in a rigorous academic environment.
- 2. Develop the critical thinking skills that are necessary for successful academic work.** The CSN will seek to provide the building blocks of effective critical thinking and logic that are essential to succeed in an academic career. During the CSN, each participant will discuss a previously submitted paper which will be carefully assessed for its argumentation, presentation, and critical thinking.
- 3. Think through various apologetic issues.** Many young scholars experience a world of doctoral studies where their ideas, values, and lifestyle come under intense intellectual pressure. As a result, some allow their disciplines to become more important than whose disciple they are. The CSN will seek to help these evangelical scholars think through their faith in response to various apologetic challenges and opportunities.

Who is on the Cambridge Scholars Network Faculty?



Dirk Jongkind, CSN Director is a Dutch biblical scholar who finished his Ph.D. at Cambridge University. His main scholarly interest is in the Greek text of the Bible and the Graeco-Roman backdrop of Acts and the letters. Currently, he is the Research Fellow in New Testament at Tyndale House. He is working on legal language in and outside the New Testament. The focus of his work includes textual criticism of the Greek Bible, with emphases on grammar and lexicography, epigraphy, papyrology, and archaeology of the Graeco-Roman world and the relation of New Testament background and exegesis.



Daniel Hill (Ph.D. King's College) is a Temporary Lecturer at the University of Liverpool. His courses focus on epistemology, philosophy of religion, logic, and the comparison of Plato, Descartes, and

Kant's metaphysics. His main research interests are philosophy of religion, theory of action, intention in applied ethics, philosophical theology, and metaphysics. Daniel is a member of the Society of Christian Philosophers and Secretary of the Tyndale-House Study Group in Philosophy of Religion.



Bruce A Little has Masters degrees in Apologetics and Religion and a Ph.D. in Philosophy of Religion. Presently, he is Professor of Philosophy and Director of the L. Russ Bush Center for Faith and Culture

at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he has been on faculty since 2001. He also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Apologetics at Carolina Evangelical Divinity School. For over a decade, he has traveled widely in Europe and Asia, lecturing in universities, teaching in a variety of schools, and presenting papers at conferences. He has published in various professional journals and written the book *A Creation-Order Theodicy: God and Gratuitous Evil*.



Tom Simpson is currently studying for a Ph.D. at the Faculty of Philosophy, Cambridge University, on the concept of trust. As an undergraduate on the Philosophy Tripos at Cambridge, he gained a double

first, coming top of his year, with a dissertation on the Reformed Epistemologists' understanding of faith and

reason. Between degrees he served in the Royal Marines for five years (tours in Northern Ireland; Baghdad, Iraq; Helmand Province, Afghanistan). His intellectual interests are knowledge, faith, and war.



Alison Watkin (Ph.D., Cambridge University) is a Research Fellow in Public International Law at St. John's College, Cambridge University. Her research and teaching interests include International

Human Rights Law (especially the rights of non-citizens, counter-terrorism, and human rights) and International Legal Theory.



Chris Watkin (Ph.D., Cambridge University) is a Temporary Lecturer at Murray Edwards College, Cambridge University. He specializes in twentieth-century and contemporary French literature and

philosophy. He has recently published *Phenomenology or Deconstruction* (Edinburgh University Press, 2008), and has published work on Maurice Merleau-Ponty, Jean-Luc Nancy, and Paul Ricoeur. He is currently working on the theme of atheism in contemporary French thought, with particular reference to the works of Alai Badiou, Quentin Meillassoux, and Jean-Luc Nancy.



Peter (P.J.) Williams is the Warden (CEO) of Tyndale House. He received his M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. in the study of ancient languages related to the Bible from Cambridge University. After his Ph.D., he was

on staff in the Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge University (1997-1998) and thereafter taught Hebrew and Old Testament there as Affiliated Lecturer in Hebrew and Aramaic and as Research Fellow in Old Testament at Tyndale House, Cambridge (1998-2003). From 2003 to 2007 he was on the faculty of the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, where he became a Senior Lecturer in New Testament and Deputy Head of the School of Divinity, History and Philosophy. In July 2007 he became the youngest Warden in the history of Tyndale House. He also retains his position as an honorary Senior Lecturer in Biblical Studies at the University of Aberdeen and is a member of the Faculty of Divinity in the University of Cambridge.

When and where is the Cambridge Scholars Network?

The 2011 CSN will be held from Friday, July 8 - Thursday, July 14. It will begin with a weekend retreat, and the remainder of the time will be spent at Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University.

What is the cost of attending the Cambridge Scholars Network?

	Deadline	Non-Residents of Cambridge	Residents of Cambridge*
Early Registration	December 31, 2010	€390	€190
Regular Registration	February 30, 2011	€490	€290
Late Registration	April 30, 2011	€590	€390

A limited number of partial scholarships/bursaries are available.

*Residents of Cambridge are charged a lesser rate as they'll not require lodging for the portion of the program that is hosted at Sidney Sussex.

How do I apply to the Cambridge Scholars Network?

If you are interested in applying to the 2011 CSN, please contact Laura at csn@euroleadership.org.

What are graduates saying about the Cambridge Scholars Network?



"The Cambridge Scholars Network means very much to me and has immensely changed the way I understand and view my work in the university. It has truly been my saving grace for the last three years."

Selma Bidlingmaier, 2007 CSN Graduate, Germany



"It was such a privilege to learn from scholars who are excellent in their fields. What impacted me most, however, was the faculty's generosity in sharing their lives with the group and their willingness to help each of us individually. I learned from their example to glorify God in my work and to approach it with a humble heart."

Helena Major, 2010 CSN Graduate, Portugal



"Over the past few weeks, I have started thinking about the impact of the Cambridge Scholars Network on the way I reason about Christianity and what it has to say in a plethora of controversial life situations. Even though it is very early to make farsighted conclusions about the impact of the CSN, it is impossible not to notice the remaining desire to think through and internalize the information presented during sessions. It has become increasingly clear to me that the pressing issues of today can be approached from a Christian perspective with imagination, childish curiosity and interest. This being sad, I fully realize that if not for the CSN, the developing interest and eagerness to explore how I can approach my research in a way which reflects my Christian essence would be simply nonexistent."

Sergii Strelchuk, 2010 CSN Graduate, Ukraine